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**NO INFORMERS—AFTER A WHILE,
NO FREEDOM**

"Informer" is the foulest name a Communist feels he can call anybody—and for a very solid reason.



Hoover

Dulles

The reason was spelled out on Monday, in a speech at the Philadelphia conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An informer is a person who has spent some time inside a criminal or subversive organization—the Communist Party, for example—and then has

seen the light, come out, and told the law what he knows.

Such informers as Elizabeth Bentley, Louis F. Budenz and Whittaker Chambers have been of enormous help in exposing the criminal Communist conspiracy and many of its members. Without them, the FBI and other crime-combatting agencies would be dangerously handicapped, and the risk of Red enslavement of the American people that much greater.

Hoover went on to warn that the Reds and their fellow travelers are now putting on an all-out campaign to discredit use of informers. The Commies hope Congress or the courts can be induced to make the practice more difficult than it now is, or outlaw it altogether.

At the same meeting of police chiefs, Central Intelligence Agency chief Allen W. Dulles reported that there is "no hard evidence as yet that the dangers we face from the secret underground subversive activities of Communism have ceased."

So we hope Congress and the courts will act on informers, if at all, only in the direction of making the use of them easier than it is now. Let's sharpen, not blunt, one of our best weapons against Communism.

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